



DVTL News

August 2010

SAUSAGE SIZZLE – HELPERS NEEDED!

To raise further funds for new toys for our toy library, we will organize another sausage sizzle on **Saturday September 25** at **Bunnings Thomastown**.

We **need your help** to help us raise money by flipping a snag or two for what ever time you can spare.

Heidi is the coordinator of this event, so please contact her direct on 0409 996 418 or email wa.hl.richards@optusnet.com.au letting her know the times you are available to assist.

\$2000 GRANT SUCCESS!

The toy library won a \$2000 grant from **The Banyule & Watsonia RSL Trust Fund**. The funds will be used to purchase a laptop, software and peripherals to help with the implementation of a computer system for the library.

A huge thanks to Heidi R for organising this.

WE NEED YOU!

We urgently require a **Minutes Secretary** from September /October due to the relocation of our existing secretary to Queensland.

The job involves taking minutes of meetings (*only one meeting is held each term*), liaising with other committee members to organise the meeting's agenda and collation of reports prepared by other committee members.

We are always happy to welcome any members interested in serving on the committee in any way, even if you would like to share a role or help out on a particular task from time to time.

Don't forget that we are a voluntary run organisation and without the fantastic help from our volunteer members, DVTL would not exist for our kids.

DUTY FOR TWO SESSIONS PER TERM

As DVTL now opens three times a week we would like to request our members to help out for two (2) sessions per term by selecting their preferred days on the duty roster that is located in the toy library each sessions (on borrowing desk).

Don't forget – your little ones are more than welcome to come with you for the session. It's a great way for them to meet other children of similar ages and also to 'road-test' some of the toys being returned! See the RPD that is on duty during the session for further details.

MORE NEW TOYS!!

Following a successful sausage sizzle fundraiser at Bunnings Eltham in April, the maintenance committee has been out purchasing new toys for our library. So keep a look out for them when you are next in.

DUTY ROSTER ON THE WEB

The duty roster for the term is available on the web – go to www.diamondvalleytoylibrary.org.au and click on the link to the Duty Roster page.

So don't be too concerned if you forget which day you're rostered on or have lost your hard copy – just get on the wwweb to check!

FURTHER FUNDRAISERS

- **Avon**

A current member (also Avon Rep) has kindly offered our toy library a fantastic deal that will assist in the raising of funds. Avon books will be distributed to members in August (just in time to shop for a Father's Day gift), with **20%** of all orders going to the toy library.

- **Toy Catalogues**

Get your Christmas shopping done early for the kids with our Fundraising toy catalogues. They'll be in the toy library from 20th August. The last date for returns if you want your toys before Christmas is **17th September**. Further details and catalogues will be in your membership folders very soon.

SOCIAL EVENT – 'RELAX MAX', MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

We will be holding a social event at 'Relax Max' on Monday, 20th September from **10am-12noon** (the first day of the holidays). **Relax Max** is a cafe which offers activities for the kids while you get to sit and enjoy a social chat over a cuppa.

<http://www.relaxmax.com.au/> is located at 1 Links St, Kingsbury.

NEW LABELLING REQUIREMENTS

If you have been into the toy library in recent weeks you would have noticed many returned toys not being made available to members during the same session.

This was required as volunteers needed to check the toys and where necessary apply new warning labels on the bags/containers – to ensure the toy packaging meets strict guidelines as set out in an Australian Standard for toys.

We are now at the end of this task and thank all members for their patience and understanding.

REMINDER: SUPERVISION OF PLAY

Whilst care is taken by the toy library to ensure our toys are in a safe and working order, it is important for parents and carers to supervise their children playing whilst playing with the toys.

Always remove the toy from the storage bag (if it came in one) and place the bag out of reach of your child. Always remember to return the toy to the bag after play has finished and prior to returning the toy to the library.

NEED A HAND FOR A PARTY?

The toy library has party packs available for kids' parties.

There is no fee to hire the pack – you just need to be a current member. The pack includes potato sacks, a tunnel, parachute, egg and spoon race, bean bags, stepping stones and book of party games.

Call Mel on 9440 1866 to book the pack.

SPORTS PACK AVAILABLE TOO

Last year, we won a Woolworths Grant to create a sports pack. The games include Crazy Catch, Bucket Blast, and Soccer Target Shot Training Set. The pack is worth \$500 and there is no fee to hire it. Call Mel on 9440 1866 to book.

RIDE THE BIG SLIDE

A reminder that you can borrow a big slide. It is too big to store at the library but you can book it by calling Jessy on 9434 3701.

DVTL is located at: Yarra Plenty Regional Library, Diamond Valley Branch, Civic Drive, Greensborough.

Opening Hours: School terms only: Tuesday 7.00-8.15 pm, Friday 10.30-11.45 am, Saturday 10.30-11.45am.

Contact us at: www.diamondvalleytoylibrary.org.au or Phone 0439 036 144

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